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1. SUMMARY: IN LUNCHEON ADDRESS DURING DAKAR AFRO-ARAB
SUMMIT, FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING URGED THAT EUROPEANS
AND AFRICANS JOINING TOGETHER TO FOLLOW "MIDDLE WAY" INDEPENDENT
OF SUPERPOWERS. TO GIVE AFRICAN STATES MEANS OF ECONOMIC INDEPENDENC

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HE REITERATED HIS 1976 PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICA, AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT CARTER OF ITS MERITS IN LONDON. GISCARD SUGGESTED THAT "DANGEROUS CLEAVAGES" IN AFRICA AROSE PARTLY OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION, AND PLEDGED FRANCE'S HELP IN FINDING JUST SOLUTION. HE AGAIN CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF RIGHT TO SECURITY OF ALL STATES. GISCARD CLOSED BY CONDEMNING ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO DIVISIONS IN AFRICAN AND PROMISING THAT FRANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER MEN, CAPITAL AND MATERIAL TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING APRIL 21 LUNCHEON ADDRESS, FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING URGED THAT EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS JOIN TOGETHER TO FOLLOW "MIDDLE WAY" (VOIE MEDIANE) INDEPENDENT OF HUMAN, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPERPOWERS ELSEWHERE IN WORLD. "IF WE WISH TO PRESERVE OUR IDENTITY, WE MUST AVOID, WE EUROPEANS AND YOU AFRICANS, BEING DEVELOPED IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF THESE SUPERPOWERS, AND FALLING INTO A MORE OR LESS DIRECT DEPENDENCE IN THEIR RESPECT." GISCARD URGED THAT AFRICANS AND EUROPEANS UNITE THEIR DESTINIES "IN ORDER TO CREATE THIS MIDDLE WAY NECESSARY TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR PEOPLES AND OUR CULTURES."

3. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THERE IS NO MORE URGENT TASK, GISCARD SAID, THAN TO CONSOLIDATE INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN STATES BY GIVING THEM MEANS OF ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST RECOGNIZE THE SPECIFIC, PRIORITY CHARACTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AFRICA AND DRAW THE CONSEQUENCES. TURNING TO CONCRETE STEPS, GISCARD SAID FRANCE HAD WITHOUT RESEVE SUPPORTED PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS ADOPTED

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AT NAIROBI. AFTER CITING OTHER INITIATIVES, GISCARD CONCLUDED THAT "EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT OF GREAT WESTERN INDUSTRIAL POWERS" WAS STILL CALLED FOR. "I SOLEMNLY RENEW HERE THE APPEAL THAT I MADE AT VERSAILLES IN MAY 1976 IN FAVOR OF THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICA (UN FONDS EXCEPTIONNEL DE PROMOTION DE L'AFRIQUE)." FRENCH PRESIDENT SAID THAT, "IN SEVERAL DAYS IN LONDON, I WILL ENDEAVOR, FURTHERMORE, TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT CARTER AND OUR PRINCIPAL WESTERN PARTNERS OF THIS NECESSARY EFFORT."

4. GISCARD SAID THIS FUND WOULD NOT EXCLUDE IDEA BROACHED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR TEN-YEAR PLAN FOR AID TO DEVELOPMENT OF LEAST ENDOWED COUNTRIES, "TO WHICH FRANCE ADHERES FULLY AND OF WHICH THE FINANCING WOULD HAVE TO BE ASSURED BY ALL BETTER-OFF NATIONS, WHETHER OF THE EAST OR OF THE WEST."

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5. GISCARD THEN TURNED TO POLITICAL CONCERNS, OBSERVING
THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISTURBING "HEIGHTENING OF PERILS"
IN LAST SEVERAL YEARS. "THE CONFLICTS MULTIPLY, THE
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ANTAGONISMS DEEPEN AND AFRICA INCREASINGLY RISKS SEEING
ITSELF ENGAGED IN CONFLICTS WHICH DEFLECT ITS FORCES
FROM THE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPMENT." GISCARD DREW ATTENTION TO
TENDENCY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION TO CREATE "DANGEROUS CLEAVAGES

WHICH HAVE PERMITTED CERTAIN PEOPLE TO INTERVENE BETWEEN AFRICANS AND TO INCITE...THE TAKING OF IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS WHICH TRAP AFRICA IN QUARRELS WHICH ARE NOT ITS OWN." REFERRING TO MEASURES HE HAD ANNOUNCED EARLIER IN BAMAKO CONCERNING INTERDICTION OF ARMS SALES, GISCARD PROMISED FRANCE WOULD GO FARTHER TO MARK ITS POSITION ON PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT WOULD NOT COMPROMISE. GISCARD SAID FRANCE WOULD WORK TO PERSUADE ITS "PARTNERS" TO ADOPT AN ATTITUDE SIMILAR TO THAT OF FRANCE, "IN ORDER THAT A JUST SOLUTION BE FOUND CONFORMING TO THE DIGNITY OF THE BLACK MAN."

6. WHILE ELIMINATION OF THESE AGGRAVATIONS ARISING OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD NOT AND ALL TENSIONS AND RISKS OF INSECURITY, IT WOULD REDUCE THEIR SCOPE, GISCARD SAID. HE PROCEEDED TO REITERATE HIS MAIN POINT DURING SUMMIT THAT "SECURITY MUST BE RECOGNIZED OF ALL STATES, IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, WHATEVER BE THEIR POLITICAL OPINION."

7. GISCARD CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT FRANCE CONDEMNED "ALL WHO, ON THE CONTINENT, CONTRIBUTE TO THE OPPOSING OF NATIONS, AND TO MENACING THEM IN THE PATRIMONY OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BRING TO AFRICA AS IT HAS DONE METHODICALLY FOR OVER 30 YEARS ITS COOPERATION IN MEN, IN CAPITAL AND IN MATERIAL EVERYWHERE WHERE IT IS DESIRED, TO CONCTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IN THE DIGNITY OF ITS PEOPLE AND IN THE SECURITY OF ITS STATES."
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